

HOUSE RESOLUTION 32

By Holt

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Parker Hannifin Corporation.

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body take pleasure in recognizing those businesses operating in the State of Tennessee which contribute to the economic well-being of this State and nation; and

WHEREAS, the Parker Hannifin Corporation, which operates a copper plant in Greenfield, is one such corporate entity. With annual sales exceeding \$13 billion, Parker Hannifin is the world's leading diversified manufacturer of motion and control technologies and systems, providing precision-engineered solutions for a wide variety of mobile, industrial, and aerospace markets, and employing approximately 57,500 people in fifty countries around the world; and

WHEREAS, Parker Hannifin was founded in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1918 by Arthur L. Parker, the man who pioneered the development of high-pressure tube fittings and other fluid controls initially used in aviation. Mr. Parker's fittings were used in Charles Lindbergh's "Spirit of St. Louis" airplane, and were later used in military and commercial aircraft, missiles, and spacecraft; and

WHEREAS, over the past century, Parker Hannifin has expanded its product lines to serve the industries of aerospace, automotive, fluid connectors, fluid power, seals, packing and gaskets, and refrigeration components; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, the Parker Hannifin Corporation relocated its copper manufacturing from its Refrigeration and Air Conditioning (RAC) Division in Lyons, New York, to the newly formed Copper Products Division in Greenfield; and

WHEREAS, between 1995 and 2001, the Greenfield Copper Products facility functioned as part of Parker Hannifin's RAC Division before restructuring created the Climate Systems Division, under which the Greenfield plant was aligned in 2001; and

WHEREAS, following the acquisition of Sporlan Valve, Parker Hannifin combined the Climate Systems Division and Sporlan Valve to create the Sporlan Division in 2009, which includes the Greenfield plant. As part of the Sporlan Division, the Greenfield plant continues to serve as a premier service provider of complex, value-added assemblies and systems, as well as copper products, to the refrigeration and air conditioning markets; and

WHEREAS, for the past twenty years, Parker Hannifin's Greenfield plant has provided its employees with good working conditions, fair treatment, opportunities for advancement, and competitive wages and benefits, and has rendered sterling service as a leader in the industry while contributing to the economic success of the community and this State, and it is wholly fitting that we recognize the administration and employees of this industrial leader for their many contributions; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we recognize and commend the individuals of Parker Hannifin and its outstanding plant in Greenfield for their dedication to excellence and their commitment to serving the needs of their customers, extending our best wishes for their continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.